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US boxing writers honor Pacquiao as Fighter of the Year

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Several presenters, awardees at Grammys wear Monique Lhuillier, including Scarlett Johansson



US shuts out '06 nursing graduates unless ...

By Nikko Dizon

FILIPINO NURSES WHO PASSED THE CONTROversial June 2006 licensure examination can kiss their American dream goodbye unless they take new tests.

"After careful consideration, the Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools (CGFNS International) has decided that those

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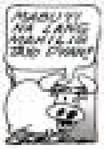
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Siesta good for heart, Greek study shows

CHICAGO—FORGET oatmeal and twenty workouts, if it's heart disease you're worried about, the best insurance policy might be a regular afternoon nap, a study released Monday said.

SIESTA/A6



SC creates courts to conduct trials for extrajudicial killings



SHOOTING GMA: Budding photojournalists at the Don Bosco school in Parañaque take photos of President Arroyo with their cell phones during the groundbreaking rites for a day care center in the Don Bosco compound. The event also marked the 58th birthday of Gina de Venecia, wife of Speaker Jose de Venecia.

By Leila B. Salaverria

CHIEF JUSTICE REYNATO PUNO said yesterday after a meeting with United Nations human rights investigators that the Supreme Court would establish within a week special tribunals to conduct swift trials of suspects in extrajudicial killings.

"This will be part of our effort to resolve all these special types of cases. This will go high in our priority list," Puno said. "The extrajudicial taking of life is the ultimate violation of human rights. It cannot be allowed anywhere, and it has to be resisted everywhere."

In a statement issued after a meeting with a delegation headed by Philip Alston, Special Rapporteur of the UN Commission for Human Rights for Extrajudi-

SC CREATES/A8

Stocks hit 10-year high

EU to ask GMA: Why can't we get Melo report?

By Cynthia D. Balana, Fe Zamora and Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

THE EUROPEAN UNION WILL SEEK MORE information on the Melo Commission's report on the killing of journalists and leftist activists despite Malacañang's refusal to provide the EU a copy.

Eneko Landaburu, the European Commission's director general for external relations, met with President Macapagal-Arroyo yesterday to clarify the refusal. But it could not be immediately determined if the matter was indeed taken up at the meeting.

The European Commission is the executive body of the 27-nation EU.

"I'm going to see your President this afternoon and we'll discuss exactly the issue, and

EU TO ASK/A6



DEEP CONCERN: Philip Alston, UN Special Rapporteur on Extrajudicial Executions, conveys his concern to Justice Secretary Raul Gonzalez over the Communist Party's "hypothesis" being treated like a matter.

Peso also closes just shy of 6-year record

By Elizabeth L. Sanchez and Doris C. Dumlao

SHARE PRICES AT THE STOCK MARKET YESterday reached levels that were last seen just before the Asian crisis 10 years ago, while the peso also performed well—closing just shy of a six-year high.

At the close of trading, the Philippine Stock Exchange index (PSEi) extended its rally for the second day to 3,379.37, posting a 78.4-point gain, or 2.4 percent.

It was the best finish since Feb. 18, 1997, when it ended at 3,386.82.

At the Philippine Dealing System, the peso gained a hefty 23 centavos to close at 48.25 against the dollar from Wednesday's finish of 48.50.

The currency hit an intra-day high of 48.23.81, nearly hitting the 48.20 mark that was set on March 14, 2001.

Since the start of this year, the peso has appreciated by 78 centavos or about 1.6 percent. A total of $924.55 million was traded at the dealing system.

Yesterday's gains also brought the PSE main index closer to its all-time high of 3,447.60—recorded on Feb. 3, 1997—which analysts believe may be breached given the bullish sentiment.

The broader all-share index rose 48.44 points, or 2.4 percent, to 2,127.53.

Value turnover for the day rose to P5.76 billion from P5.17 billion the previous day. There were 107 gainers over 24 losers, while 30 stocks were unchanged.

Analysts said yesterday's strong close at the stock market was fueled by the upgrade of the country's ranking in the closely watched investment list of US pension fund, California Public Employees Retirement System (Calpers).

The Philippines edged up the Calpers investment radar of emerging markets to 10th place from 14th place, the Department of Foreign Affairs said Wednesday.

A stronger US market and favorable local corporate earnings

STOCKS/A20

UNO 'guest candidates' may be junked

By Dona Pazzibugan and Christian V. Esguerra

THE OPPOSITION'S "GUEST candidates"—Senate President Manuel Villar and Sen. Francis Pangilinan—may be "junked" on election day if they do not carry the rest of the ticket, the campaign spokesperson for the opposition's senatorial slate said yesterday.

Some opposition leaders have reportedly complained about requiring them to campaign for Villar and Pangilinan, when the two were not rooting for the entire slate.

Villar will attend the proclamation rally of the opposition's Genuine Opposition senatorial ticket, the slate's campaign spokesperson told the Inquirer last night.

Adel Tamano, spokesperson for the coalition, added that Pangilinan was also likely to attend the ticket's coming-out party.

"Manny Villar is already 100-percent sure. As for Pangilinan, an announcement will be made by Sen. Franklin Drilon," Tamano told the Inquirer.

Tamano said the Genuine Opposition's proclamation rally is scheduled for Feb. 24 somewhere in Makati City.

"It will probably be at the University of Makati but that has yet to be final," Tamano said.

UNO/A11



LOOK, MA, NO HANDCUFFS: The PNP guards' designated driver is no less than one of the nine suspected NPA hired guns they nabbed at a checkpoint in Biñan, Laguna, on Wednesday. He drove to his (and fellow suspects') own inquest at the justice department all the way from their detention cell in Camp Vicente Lim in Laguna.

REMING'S RUINS REVISITED

'Like a monster eating everything'

By Jocelyn R. Uy

(Second of two parts)

WHAT GRIM REMINDERS OF the savagery of Supertyphoon "Reming" lie under Romer Rosero's wooden skin.

He falked it to reveal a skinny torso now textured with welts, bruises and scars—marks that would forever remind him of the wife, four of five children, and modest home that he lost to the great wall of water, mud and boulders that rolled down the slopes of Mount Mayon.

The man is haunted by one thought: His loved ones might be alive today had he followed his instincts.

At noon last Nov. 30, the Roseros were getting ready to leave their house in Barangay Busay in Daraga, Albay, for their other house on a nearby hill.

Romer had earlier cooked pancit for the late lunch the family was supposed to share after settling down in their hilltop refuge.

But a group of relatives, drenched to the bone, came knocking, seeking shelter. There were three families in all, and

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SPECIAL REPORT

Project Editor

Rosario A. Garcellano

Heartrending stories pour out of survivors

By Jocelyn R. Uy

REHABILITATION EFFORTS will be incomplete if the mental and psycho-social needs of the survivors of "Reming" are not met, according to Dr. Virgilio Ludovice, chief of the health operations division of the Department of Health regional office in Albay.

"We should take care of the mind, too, because it cont-

HEARTRENDING/A20

Second FrontPage

AFP camps off limits to bets

CANDIDATES IN THE MAY elections may not campaign in military camps and their posters and other paraphernalia are not welcome either.

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First test

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Why Villar?

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If FPJ were alive today ...

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Introducing, the Sultan of Brunei....er, Sulu

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No clemency for Jalosjos, court rules

By Jocelyn R. Uy

IT LOOKS LIKE CONVICTED child rapist former Rep. Romeo Jalosjos was right when he said getting absolute pardon was an "impossible dream."

24 freed Pinoy sailors home tomorrow from Nigeria

By Cynthia D. Balana

THE 24 FILIPINO SEAMEN FREED BY their kidnappers in Nigeria early this week will arrive in Manila tomorrow, according to the Department of Foreign Affairs.

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Appropriate arrangements

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In good spirits

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Exchange

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- ***Even when Mom has breast or nipple problem.*** [illegible]
- ***Even when Mom thinks she is unable to provide enough milk.*** [illegible]
- ***Even when the child is ill.*** [illegible]
- ***Even when the Mom is ill due to tuberculosis, hepatitis, etc.*** [illegible]

The only reasons not to Breastfeed ...

If mother is:	*- taking anti-cancer drugs* *- violent and psychotic*
If baby has:	*- galactosemia* *- allergy to breastmilk*

World Health Organization
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WAR VS TERROR

Abu wiped out this year – AFP

THE MILITARY INTENDS TO complete within the year its campaign to wipe out the remnants of the Abu Sayyaf extremist group which has been on the run for the past few months from pursuing government troops in Sulu.

Armed Forces Chief Gen. Hermogenes Esperon Jr. said yesterday the military has deployed more troops to Sulu, bringing to 11 the number of battalions already in hot pursuit of the group linked to the al-Qaida international terror network.

One Marine battalion and one Scout Ranger test mission have been added to the troops already in Sulu, he said.

He said the number of troops in Sulu may be reduced but only if authorities are able to determine that "the threat has subsided or has been satisfactorily addressed."



ESPERON

Fresh deadline

Esperon said the military leadership was thinking of setting a fresh deadline for its Oplan Ultimatum, the seven-month manhunt operation for the extremist group launched six months ago.

"But indeed we want to finish the operations against the Abu Sayyaf in Sulu as soon as possible... within the year," he said.

After succeeding in killing top Abu Sayyaf leaders Abu Sulaiman and Khadaffy Janjalani, the military said it would continue the campaign until all the major Abu Sayyaf commanders—as well as the Indonesian terrorist named Dulmatin—are captured or killed.

Esperon said the military has yet to confirm reports that Dulmatin, a member of the Jemaah Islamiyah regional terror group who allegedly masterminded the 2002 bombings in Bali, was wounded in an encounter.

But he said there were "indications" that Dulmatin and other Indonesians were still in Sulu.

US Ambassador Kristie Kenney said she hoped the military would be able to meet its target in Sulu within the year.

Serious blow

"I think it's very clear that the Philippine Armed Forces have struck some very serious blows against the internationally wanted terrorists and I hope they continue that," said Kenney, who gave a lecture at the National Defense College of the Philippines.

Kenney hinted the US Embassy may have already given the reward money to some of the people who helped in the capture and killing of Janjalani and Solaiman.

"We've identified some of the people who'll receive funds and we're still tracking down a few more," she said.

She said the embassy cannot say for sure whether it has already given the reward money "because people's privacy is at stake and some people, for security, have asked that we not let anyone know."

"Some people may already have the money," said Kenney.

Christine Avendaño

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President's request

Just call us GO, says opposition



Not grand or broad

An Appeal to President Arroyo

Stop agrarian violence and killing of farmers! Implement agrarian reform in contentious landholdings!



Pepito Santillan, 60, is the first killed this year (Jan 25, Negros Occidental)



Joseph Matunding, 45, is the latest killed (Jan. 30 in Iloilo)



Eric Cabanit, 53, was slain in April last year in Davao del Norte



Vicente Tejino, 44, was slain in February 2005 in Quezon



Rico Adeva, 29, was gunned to death last April 2006 in Negros Occidental

Madam President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo:

From 2001 when you assumed power to 2006, 38 farmer-leaders were slain in cold blood. Two more were killed since -- TFM's Pepito Santillan in Negros Occidental on January 25 and UNORKA's Joseph Matunding in Iloilo on January 30. KMBP's Heliolito Abrenica could have been the third had he not survived the bolo-hacking by a goon identified with a big landowner in San Francisco, Quezon. He, however, lost his left hand.

More limbs and lives are likely to be sacrificed unless you act quickly and resolutely. Records of PARRDS indicate that there are 2,342 leaders and organizers whose lives are threatened by goons and security guards of big landowners and plantations as well as others in their service, including policemen, barangay tanods, and members of so-called revolutionary forces.

The farmers have experienced five years of murders, frustrated murders, arson, physical assaults, grave threats, forced evacuations, harassment cases, destruction of properties, and strafing of houses, especially in agrarian reform hotspots like Negros Occidental, Negros Oriental, Iloilo, Davao del Norte, Compostela Valley, Sarangani, Mindoro Occidental, Batangas, Quezon, and Masbate.

No less than the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines (CBCP) has attributed the killings and violence to your government's apparent disregard for meaningful implementation of agrarian reform.

Apparently in response, you were quoted on February 6 by a national newspaper as saying:

> *"There is a new paradigm that is being proposed to open new lands for agriculture so that we can give farmers a chance to have their own land and, yet, avoid all this bloodshed that is happening (in the implementation of land reform)."*

Is this "new paradigm" going to be still another attempt to avoid implementing agrarian reform law due to landowner pressure?

The Melo Commission you set up to probe the extra-judicial killings, including those involving peasants as victims, submitted a report to you in December 2006. Why has it not been made public?

As a community of civil society organizations and human rights advocates concerned with the plight of farmers struggling for agrarian reform, we appeal to you, Madam President, to please:

1. **Make public the report of the Melo Commission, especially the results of its investigation of agrarian reform-related killings and violence;**
2. **Prosecute all perpetrators of agrarian-related human rights violations, whether they be private sector goons, police forces, or agents of so-called revolutionary groups; and,**
3. **Implement agrarian reform speedily and fairly especially in contentious landholdings, taking into consideration the rights of the legitimate farmers.**

Signed:

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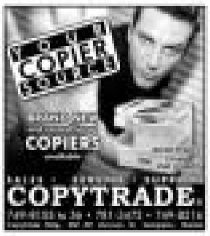
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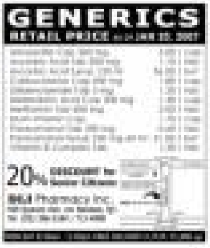






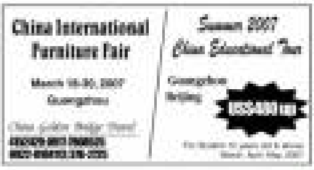




















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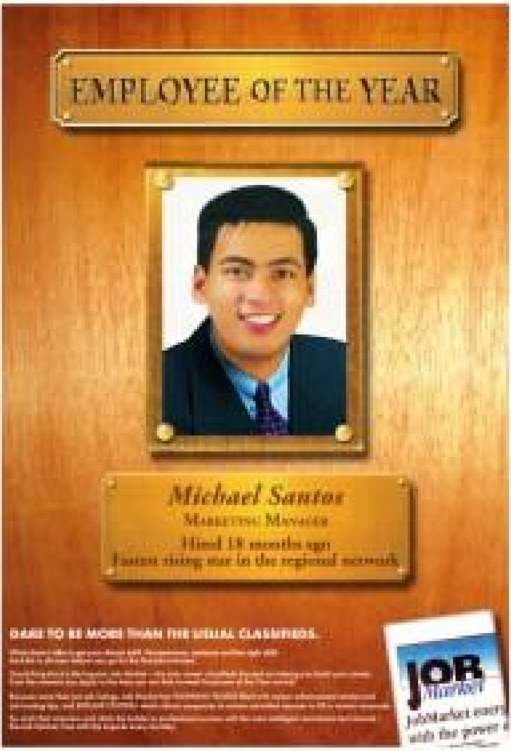
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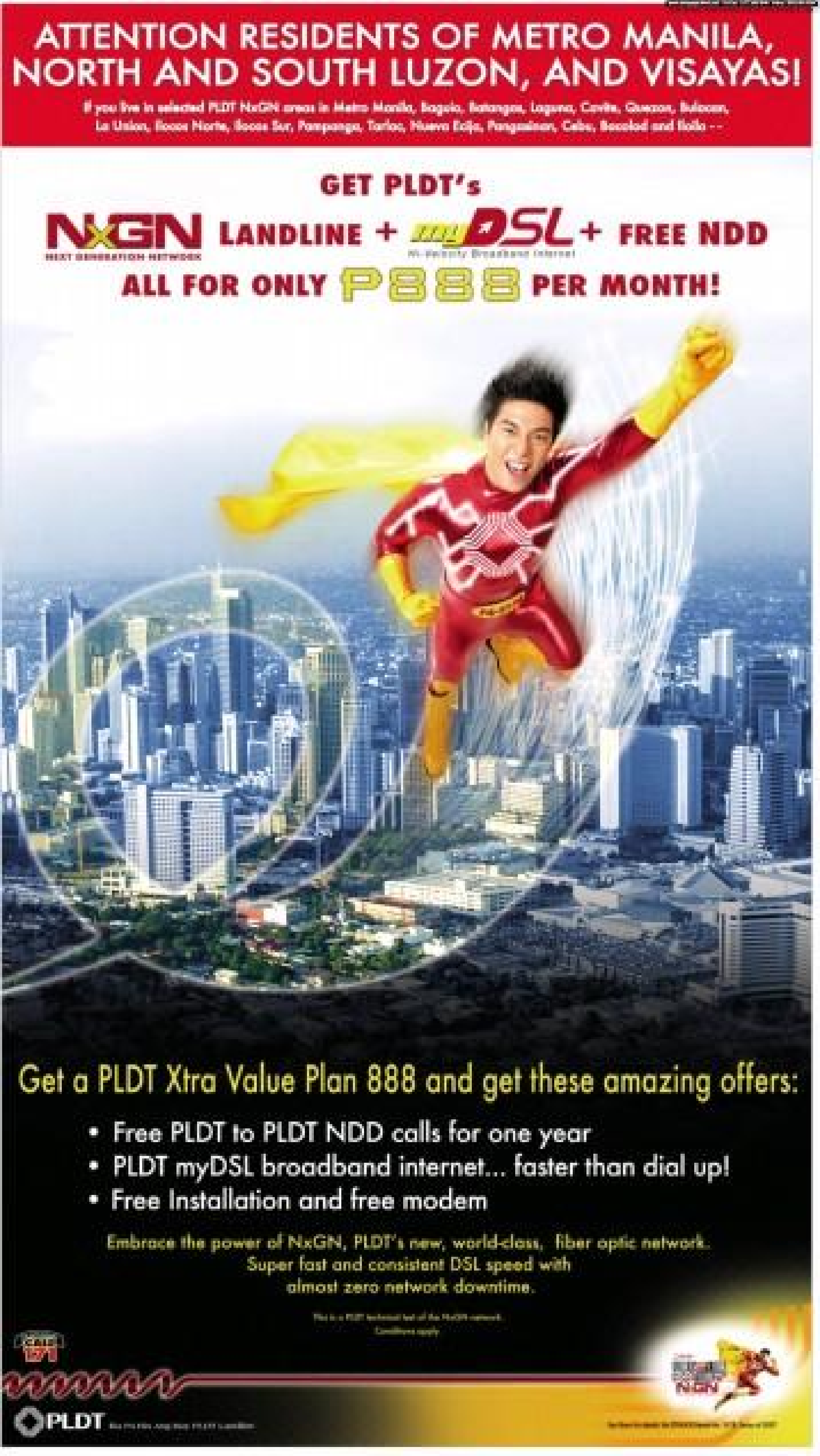
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Spain on edge as '04 train bombs trial begins



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10 bombs hit 4 packed Madrid trains

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By Amy Harmon

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Koreas agree to meet, paving way for aid



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SEOUL—NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA AGREED on Thursday to restore high-level talks, paving the way for food aid to resume after this week's breakthrough energy-for-disarmament deal with Pyongyang.

Shifting landscape pressed rivals together



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Anne Frank's best hope, fading in letters

By Patricia Cohen



A PHOTOGRAPH of Otto Frank (right) with his daughters Anne (center) and Margaret (left) ...



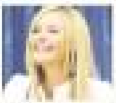
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Harbour nears PBL title

Port Masters thwart Hapee, take 2-0 lead

By Jasmine W. Payo

HARBOUR CENTRE'S CRACK shooter struck as Hapee-PCU's guns went silent yesterday, powering the Port Masters to within a win of their second straight PBL crown.



PAL Interclub on; Luisita seeks Canlubang scalp



Gin Kings out to level series today



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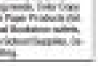
Miriam College holds college-only reunion

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BDO VISA CARDHOLDERS TREATED TO SKY TOUR



SOS CHILDREN'S VILLAGES INKS MOA WITH BDO

LIFESTYLE

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When temperatures rise

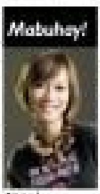
Hot chocolate.

Freeway makes summer fashion seem a breeze

JUST WHEN I AM ENJOYING dressing up for the chilly weather in Manila at the start of February, I blink and suddenly I need to peel off my clothes once again and up the A/C.

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Mabuhay!



Jenni Epperson

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Modern and affordable

[illegible]

Photography Mark Nicdao



Vanilla heat.





Orange delight.



TAGLE portrays [illegible] by Michele Boon. Boon's creation is in crochet and chiffon.

Iconic style



CLEOPATRA is a gown designed by Rajo Laurel. Tagle wears a gown made of gold satin and [illegible] gold jersey knit. The bodice's design is [illegible] with various beads and crystals. The Egyptian motifs highlighted with leather [illegible] gold.



TAGLE portrays Eve in a Russel Bautista creation. [illegible] embroidery embellished with crystals and glass beads.

[illegible]

[illegible] Festival [illegible] or that can be [illegible] collection that [illegible] occasion.

Each [illegible] also gets the chance to [illegible] where a lucky [illegible] can win P10,000 worth of shopping credit, or a [illegible] makeover! The official newsletter of the Metrobank Persona Visa keeps you up to date on all the latest fashion, health and [illegible] as well as all the discounts and freebies at your fingertips.

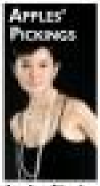
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Couture Rajo Laurel, Jojo Lloren, Russel Bautista, Michele Boon

Iconic style

Metrobank Visa updates the looks of Cleopatra, Delilah, Eve and Maria Clara

APPLES' PICKINGS



Apples Aberin-Sadhwani

THE VERY FIRST FASHION icons were probably none other than Cleopatra, Delilah, Eve and Maria Clara (no, not Audrey, Jackie or Grace!). All four women, legendary as are, are remembered for the significant roles they played during their times, and their very distinct looks.

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"CLEOPATRA" by Rajo Laurel

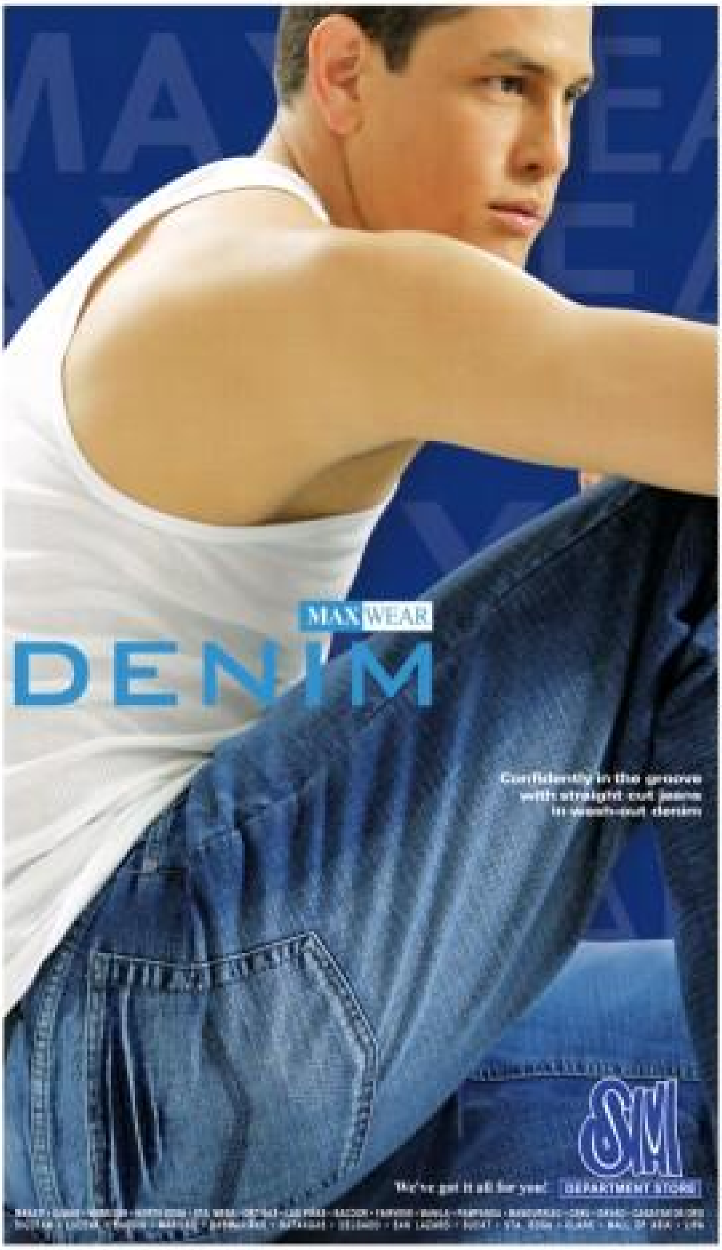
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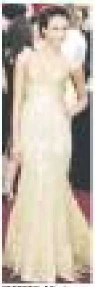


LIFESTYLE

LIFE-STYLED
Thelma Sioson San Juan

Red-carpet race is on

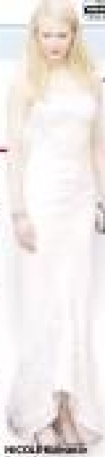
Now, how do you walk your own Hollywood RC?



JESSICA Alba in Versace



UMA Thurman in Versace



NICOLE Kidman in Balenciaga



REESE Witherspoon in vintage gown



Backyard RC

Dynamic woman

Super cool deals at 3 SM Supermalls

SM City Sta. Mesa, SM City Lipa and SM Supercenter Valenzuela share top billing in the upcoming 3-DAY SALE event on February 16, 17 and 18. Shoppers are invited to avail of the widest selection of merchandise, eat-out options and fun times awaiting them during the sale event.

upto **50% off** great selections



3 day SALe

february 16 • 17 • 18

Mall hours: **10am - 10pm**

SM SUPERMALLS

STA. MESA • VALENZUELA • LIPA



2 WAYS TO WIN

FILL UP RAFFLE COUPON OR TEXT SM TO 2366

3-Day Sale shoppers at all 3 malls get the chance to win one of 60 units of **Xtreme Magic Sing MP3 players** at stake in the February 18 & 19 draws.

Every ₱500 single-receipt purchase - cash or charge - from SM Department Store, SM Hypermarket, SM Supermarket or from any participating mall establishment (food or non-food) entitles shoppers to their choice of promo entries, namely:

1. raffle coupon, which they can fill out and drop at designated drop boxes; or
2. texting SM to 2366 for their electronic entry.

Raffle coupon draws will be held on Feb. 18 at 10 pm at the Event Center of each participating mall, while the electronic draws will be held on February 19 at 5 pm at the ABS-CBN Interactive Office, 9th floor, ELJ Communications Center Bldg., Mother Ignacia Avenue, South Triangle, Quezon City.

All winners can only win once.

Neighborhood malling at SM Supercenter Valenzuela

Open daily from 10 am to 9 pm, SM Supercenter Valenzuela is strategically located in the hub of the city's business and commercial district along McArthur Highway. The mall offers more convenient neighborhood shopping, more fun and leisure options, and more choices to eat out for the whole family.

Convenience shopping at SM City Sta. Mesa

To shoppers residing in the vicinity of Aurora and Magsaysay Avenues, SM City Sta. Mesa is the first destination for convenient malling.

In addition to dozens of establishments carrying a wide merchandise mix tagged at special discounts, anchor stores, including SM Supermarket and SM Department Store, are showcasing items marked down at up to 50% off.

Everyday malling at SM City Lipa

The mid-February 3-Day Sale is SM City Lipa's first, the newest member of the growing family of SM Supermalls.

For the event, SM City Lipa has put together an irresistible mix of discounted merchandise, delicious eat-out offerings and exciting entertainment options.



Parking spaces have been reserved for SM Advantage members – on a first come, first served basis – at SM City Sta. Mesa, SM Supercenter Valenzuela, and SM City Lipa during the 3-Day Sale.

FASHION

LifeStyle



“BLACK Monarch,” Paul Herrera's winning piece in the accessories division, and Metro Magazine's Choice for Best Accessory

New styles, fresh faces

Text by Cheche V. Moral
Photos by Jim Gabo Paredes

A NEWCOMER AND A REpeat contender bagged the top plums in the Inquirer-sponsored Philippine Fashion Design Competition 2007 last week at the Glorietta Activity Center in Makati.

Paul Herrera and Pablo Galicia Mendez III won the grand prizes for the accessories and the apparel categories, respectively, in the annual tilt held by the Fashion Design Council of the Philippines.

Unlike in the previous years when the local winners and their runners-up were brought to Paris, France, to compete in the Concours International des Jeunes Createurs de Mode, however, no Filipino entry

NEW E2



TRIUMPHANT Pablo Galicia Mendez III with his entry, the grand prize winner for Apparel

Young designers Paul Herrera and Pablo Galicia Mendez III are the big winners in the annual design contest by the Fashion Design Council of the Philippines

Runners-up: Apparel











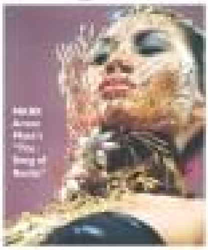




New styles, fresh faces







Twins





Runners-up: Accessories











Fashion classic, fashion paleolithic

Colors and skin



AJI LAUREL SAMSON

Fashion classic, fashion paleolithic

To welcome new designers, established designers dusted off old, tired ideas



LUSTICO

LIFESTYLE



GRAEME Black



JONATHAN Reed



IN STITCHES: Supple lightweight leather jacket with macramé details tops a silver-white leather skirt with contrasting leather border





He is head designer for women's ready-to-wear at Salvatore Ferragamo and his private label is a hit in HK

INQUIRER EXCLUSIVE

Black magic

By Kitty Go
Contributor

LAST MONTH, LANE CRAWford in Hong Kong held a private viewing of Graeme Black, one of the most impressive lines to hit elite levels of international fashion—so in nothing under USD 1,000. It is no surprise then that Hong Kong's largest specialty store reserved the Spring/Summer 2007 collection's initial private viewing for its platinum members.

Ferragamo RTW

Aside from this eponymous label which is only on its second season, Graeme Black is also head designer for women's ready-to-wear at Salvatore Ferragamo.

Exclusivity

Already, his first collection has been snapped up by retail tastemakers Brown's and Harvey Nichols in London and Neiman Marcus in America.

BREEZY yet practical: Black

WHAT looks like a ... dress is really ...









Sun, sea, shore and golf







WITHOUT BATTING AN EYELASH



Maurice Arcache

Photos by Alex Van Hagen

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Shang at 15

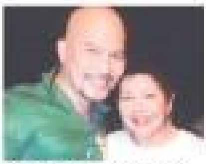
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UST Tigers take Yoshinoya challenge

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Body Shop's Bleed aid

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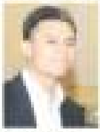


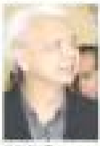




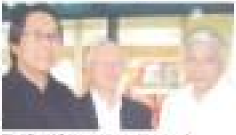




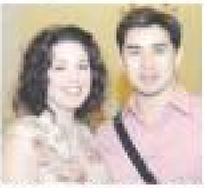




















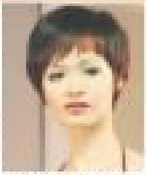




Sunsilk Colour Shine System provides special care to colored hair

Kicking up color and shine





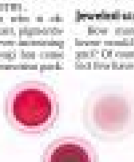




Post-Valentine gifts for different personalities

MAKEOVER 911











Search for top hairdressers ongoing



Goings On

Dinner-dance for 20th year



Ani tribute to showcase local movies-inspired fashion

ENTERTAINMENT





FORMER FLAME? Beauty queen Josephine Canonizado

Bong Revilla, rumored ex on same flight

DOLLY WOOD



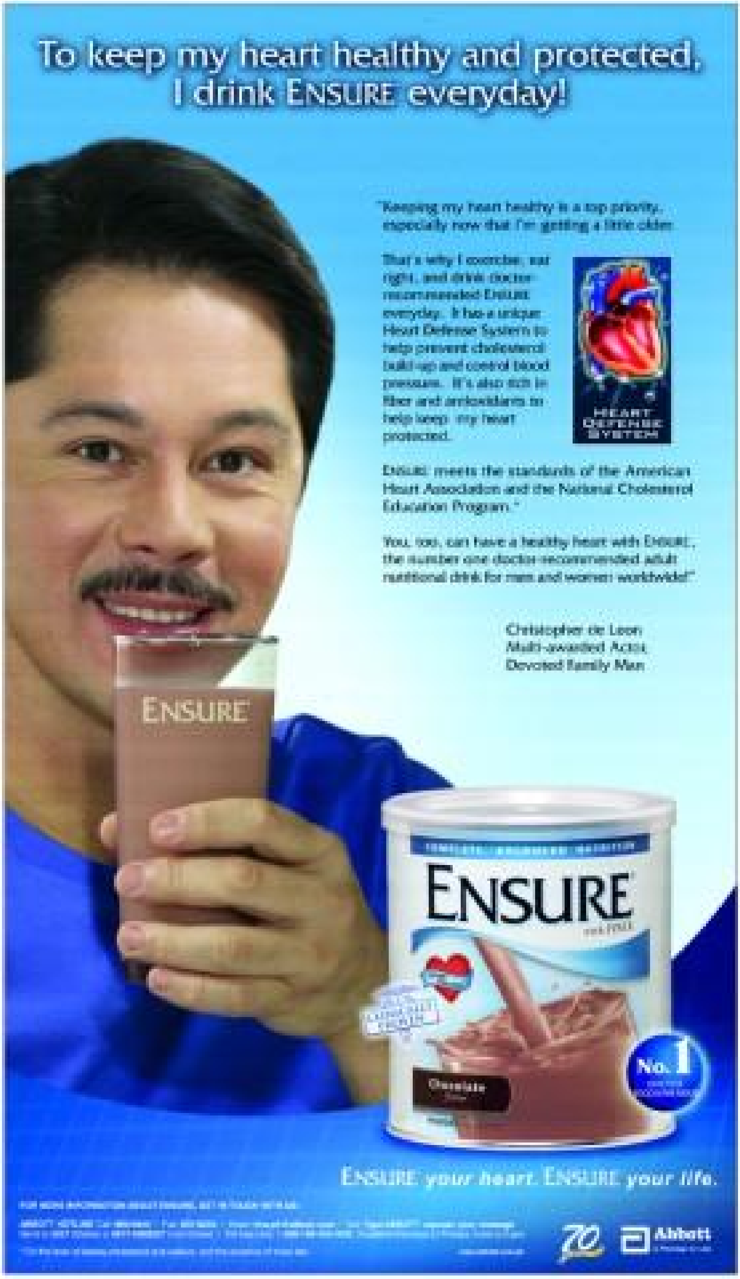
Dolly Anne Carvajal

Drunken brawl

Rocky marriage



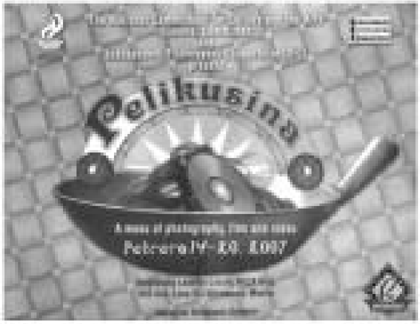
LATEST BUZZ: Trouble in the Kris Aquino-James Yap marriage?



3rd UST Students' Choice Awards for TV set Feb. 20

The nominees







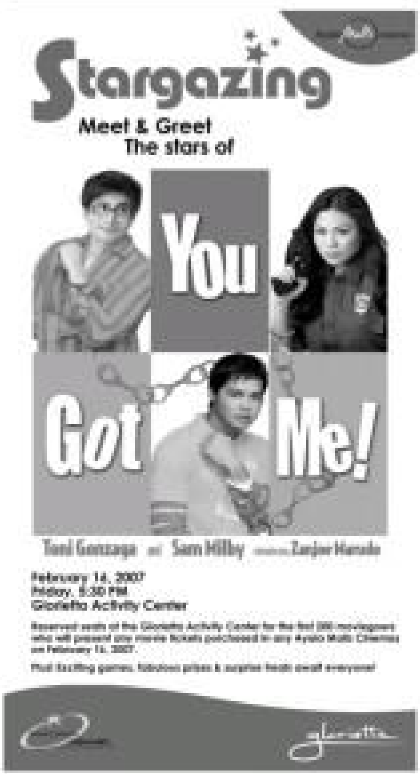
Bong Revilla . . .

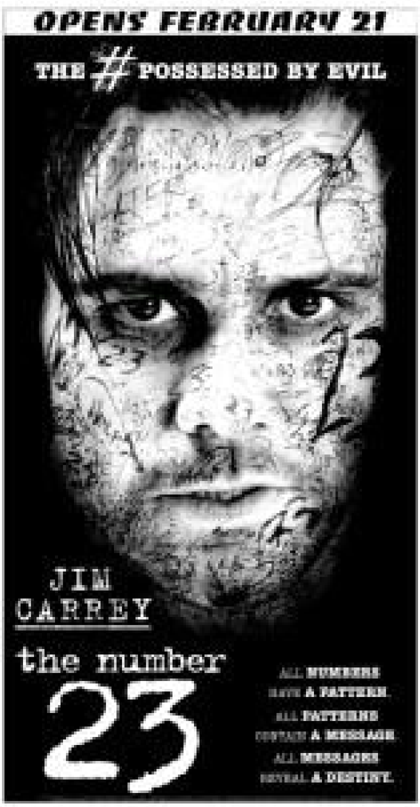
Solar shows

Chinese new year

High-tech deal

New book





RP hopes to end unlucky streak in Mr. World pageant



FERNAN BORJA GOMARI



ARMAN MANUEL PEÑA









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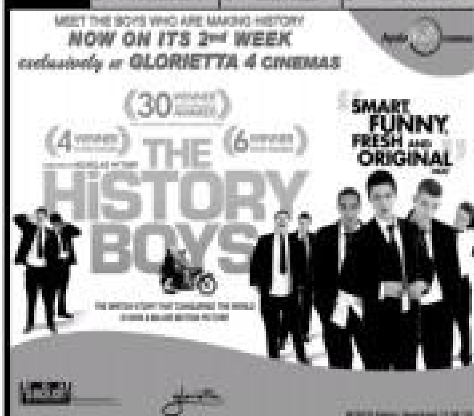
AT THE CINEMAS

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At the Activity Center

GLORIETTA · TOWN · AYALA CENTER CEBU · MARKET! MARKET!

Greenbelt · Onstage · Ayala Museum





Justin Timberlake can quit his day job if he wants to

... and Monique Lhuillier hits fashion high notes at Grammys



LEANN RIMES



SCARLETT JOHANSSON



ONLY IN HOLLYWOOD

Ruben V. Nepales

Full-time actor



JUSTIN TIMBERLAKE: "When I'm not working, I'm enjoying just complete silence."

LIVING Stars

Editor Ernesto G. Yabardo







Playing for Tibet

US ACTOR Richard Gere plays piano at the "Cinema for Peace" charity gala in Berlin early this week.

The gala, which will benefit children in Tibet and Tibetan refugees, was held during the annual Berlinale film festival, which ends on Sunday.

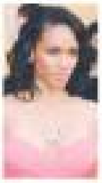
Below left, Irish musician Bob Geldof applauds as Sharon Stone kisses Gere after his performance. AP

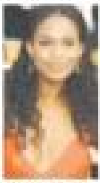
NATHAN LOPEZ



SUGAR IS HALF-Japanese Spitz and half-native. She's two years old and still a virgin. I shower her with soaps and lotions every hour. We give her a weekly bath and she eats with us. We also buy clothes for her, but she takes them off. She's free and super sweet. We are sure she's human.

—Bayani San Diego Jr.







JADA Pinkett Smith

JOY BRYANT

Bling!

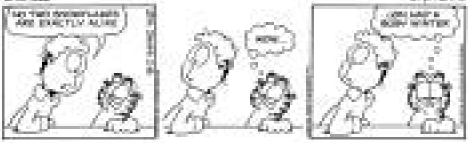
JADA PINKETT Smith and Joy Bryant were bling'd at the Screen Actors Guild awards in LA.

Smith donned pieces from the Avakian Clementina Colour Collection, including a huge 18-karat yellow gold pendant with sapphires and diamonds. Bryant wore ruby and yellow sapphire drop earrings and an emerald bracelet.

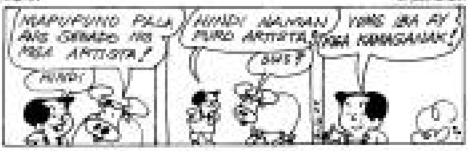


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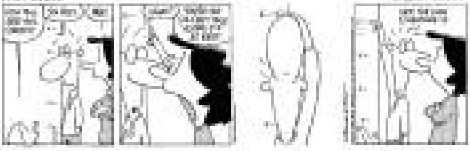


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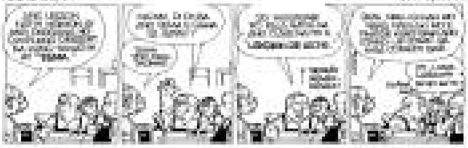


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BY JERRY SCOTT



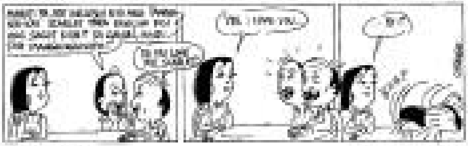
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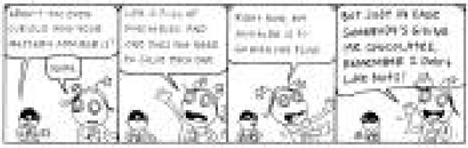


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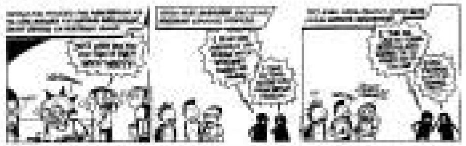


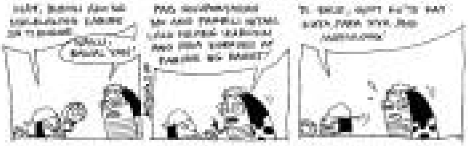






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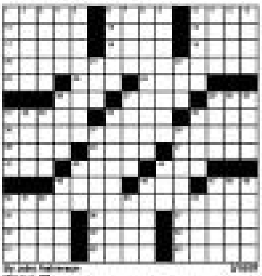


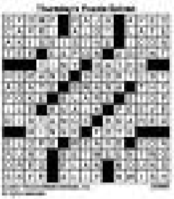
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BY DANIEL SHELTON



DAILY CROSSWORD





HOROSCOPE

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku — By Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★★★★

HOW TO PLAY SU DOKU

Answer to previous puzzle

JAMIE RIVERA

In the trophy room, I displayed my different industry awards—from the first (Music Mate) to the most memorable (Quintuple Platinum for "Jubilee"). I also hung posters of my two international musicals, "Miss Saigon" [illegible] and "[illegible]" [illegible]. The "Saigon" posters were even autographed by my co-workers. [illegible] the University of Santo Tomas. [illegible] at the Manila Hotel on Feb. 17.

Bernard San Diego Jr.

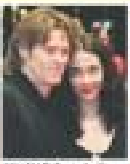




Couples week



SINGER/songwriter Peter Frampton —remember him?— and wife Tina at the 49th Annual Grammy Awards in Los Angeles, Feb. 11.



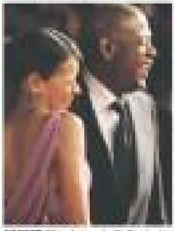
WILLEM Dafoe and wife Giada Colagrande in Berlin, Feb. 11.



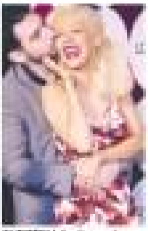
JIM Carrey and girlfriend Jenny McCarthy in LA, Feb. 11.



PRODUCER David Putnam and wife Patricia Jones in London, Feb. 11.



FOREST Whitaker and wife Keisha in London, Feb. 11.



CHRISTINA Aguilera and husband Jordan Bratman in Hollywood, Feb. 11.



JAMES McAvoy and wife Anne-Marie Duff in London, Feb. 11.

Post-Grammy celebrations



TARA Reid also at People party.



L-R, Kelly Rowland, Kerry Washington and Mischa Barton arrive at the party hosted by People magazine.

Party! Party!



TONY Bennett, Sony BMG guest.



WINNER John Mayer at Sony BMG party. [illegible]



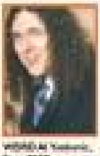
BEYONCE, Sony BMG



FOO Fighters' Dave Grohl also at Sony BMG bash.



CIARA, Sony BMG



WEIRD Al Yankovic, Sony BMG



CARRIE Underwood, Sony BMG



TERRENCE Howard, People



JESSICA Simpson, Sony BMG

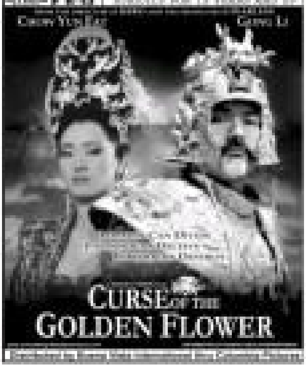
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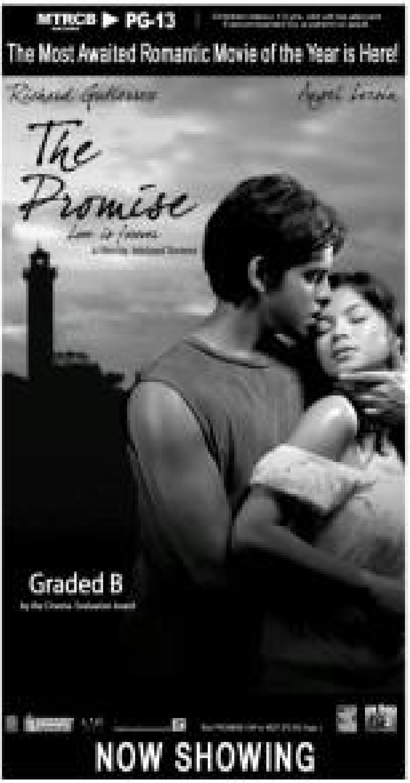
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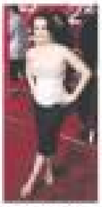




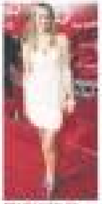


Red Carpet

At 'The Number 23' LA prem



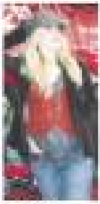
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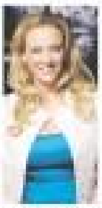
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2 MUSIC and LYRICS
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4 CURSE of the GOLDEN FLOWER / GHOST RIDER
5 THE HOLIDAY / HANNIBAL RISING
6 NIGHT at the MUSEUM / APOCALYPTO
7 THE MESSENGERS
8 TROIKA

NOVALICHES

1 GHOST RIDER
2 THE PROMISE
3 TROIKA
4 MUSIC and LYRICS
5 THE MESSENGERS

PIONEER

1 MUSIC and LYRICS
2 GHOST RIDER
3 THE PROMISE
4 THE FOUNTAIN

STA. ROSA

1 APOCALYPTO
2 GHOST RIDER
3 CHARLOTTE's WEB
4 THE PROMISE

LIPA

1 THE PROMISE
2 HANNIBAL RISING
3 The CURSE of the GOLDEN FLOWER
4 NIGHT at the MUSEUM

DASMARIÑAS

1 THE MESSENGERS
2 GHOST RIDER
3 TROIKA
4 THE PROMISE

ANGELES

1 GHOST RIDER
2 THE PROMISE
3 THE HOLIDAY
4 MUSIC and LYRICS

IMUS

1 THE MESSENGERS
2 THE PROMISE
3 MUSIC and LYRICS
4 GHOST RIDER
5 TROIKA
6 THE CLEANER

STARMILLS

1 THE CLEANER
2 THE PROMISE
3 MUSIC and LYRICS
4 THE HOLIDAY
5 GHOST RIDER
6 THE MESSENGERS

BACOLOD

1 GHOST RIDER
2 indieSine: COMPOUND
3 BABEL
4 THE PROMISE
5 THE CLEANER
6 CHARLOTTE's WEB

ILOILO

1 GHOST RIDER
2 THE PROMISE
3 BABEL
4 NIGHT at the MUSEUM
5 THE HOLIDAY
6 THE CLEANER

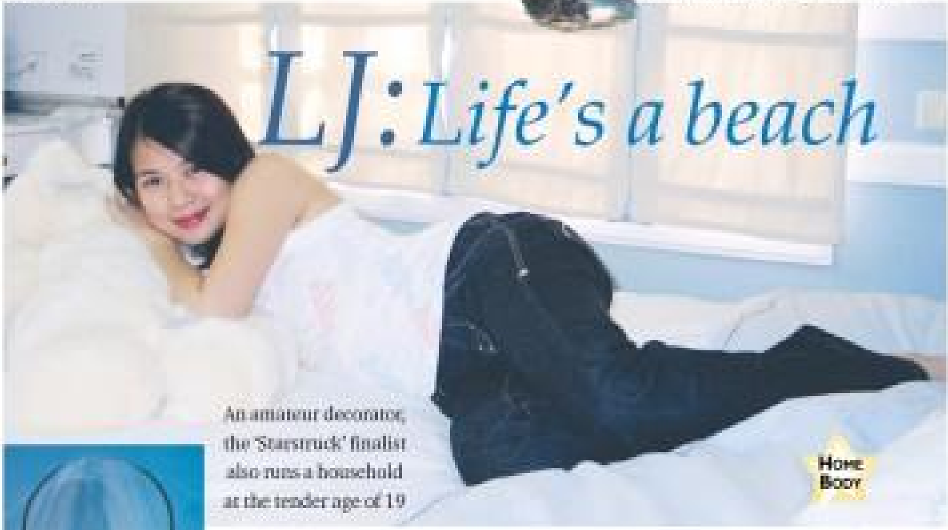


THE DIRECTOR'S chair is a souvenir from "Starstruck."









LJ: Life's a beach

An amateur decorator, the 'Starstruck' finalist also runs a household at the tender age of 19

HOME BODY



Although she seems girlish and giggly on TV, Lovrena Jane "LJ" Reyes is already running a household at the tender age of 19.











